

More than just a list of Books About Dance, Dancing, and Dancers These are some of the books that do indeed—DANCE!

Recommended by
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Title	Author	ISBN	Comment
Alvin Ailey	Andrea Davis Pinkney	1-56282-413-9	This biographical picture book of one of America's most famous dancers and choreographers relays the power of personal expression and creative courage. It traces Ailey's boyhood experiences to the creation of his signature piece, "Revelations".
Antionette Sibley	Leslie E. Spatt (photography)	0-903102-64-1 (Princeton Books)	With only brief text at the beginning, this book is a photo gallery of this stunning ballerina's career on stage. The amazing thing about this book is to see how in the beginning of her career she was good, by the end – phenomenal. She raises the "barre" for everyone around her.
Barefoot Dancer: The Story of Isadora Duncan	Barbara O'Connor	0-87614-807-0	This biography tells the story of Isadora Duncan; the woman broke new ground for dance in America and the world. Who became known as "The mother of modern dance". It reveals the dancer who dared to reject the stiffness of ballet and invent her own new form of dance.
Dance	Bill T. Jones & Susan Kuklin	0-7868-2307-0	103 words and 34 images of Jones dancing against a white background-captures the feeling, the freedom, the discipline, and the desire of this man who says, "I am a dancer. I want to dance!"
Dance: African American Arts	Angela Shelf Meadearis	0-8050-4481-7	A superb non-fiction informational book published by <i>Twenty First Century Books</i> .
Dance: An Usborne Guide	Lucy Smith	0-7460-0087-1	A good dance text written for children. Pictures are a bit dated but information is presented in a lively way.
I Want to Be a Dancer	Stephanie Maze & Catherine O'Neill Grace	0-15-201299-0	This book is filled with exciting photos and fascinating facts about the many kinds of dance – modern, ballet, jazz, ballroom, and tap, to name a few, and related careers, such as choreography and stage lighting.
Martha Graham: A Dancer's Life	Russell Freedman	0-395-74655-8	Acclaimed biographer Freedman captures Graham's unique life while weaving the essence of dance, the sensation of movement throughout this stunning book. The black-and-white photos are striking, the research is thorough, the facts precisely and fascinatingly told..
Max	Rachael Isadora	0-02-043800-1	Max finds a new way to warm up for his Saturday baseball game – his sister's dancing class.
My Mama Had a Dancing Heart	Libba Moore Gray	0-531-09470-7	An exuberant story with scratch-board like illustrations that shares the story of a young girl and her mother who dance together outdoors to greet each new season.
Nightdances	James Skofield	0-60-025714	Wakened by windmusic, drawn by moonlight, a small boy and his parents slip from their beds and become, for a while, part of the Autumn night. (Out of print but I have found multiple copies through used book sources on bibliofind.com).
Ragtime Tumpie	Alan Schroeder	0-316-77504-5	A colorful period in American history is vividly brought to life in this book about Josephine Baker's childhood. Tumpie, inspired by Ragtime music, dreams of becoming a dancer.
The World of Ballet	Judy Tatchell	0-7560-1692-1	A non-fiction, jam-packed informational book with fun ballet trivia and serious ballet advice. Each two-age spread focuses on a single topic, covering 32 essential aspects of ballet from "How ballets tell stories," to "Positions of the arms and legs".
I Have Another Language: The Language is Dance	Eleanor Schick	0-01-781209-X	Included on this list because this was the first book in which I felt the kinesthetic sensation of dancing come right off the page into my body. "Things I can't say in words run through my body as I dance". At one point this book's illustrations and words showed me that some books do indeed – dance!